

On Base...

SAFETY STANDOWN!

NAS Meridian's Safety Standown is set for May 22 at Rudders. Times to be announced.

CSD will close at noon on May 18 for its department safety standown.

✓ Meridian's Navy Exchange hosts first Mother's Day Fashion Show Extravaganza on May 11 at 3:30 p.m. All NEX customers are invited to attend.

✓ Base Bowling Championship Tournament set for May 19 at 10 a.m. Eight games scratch. \$20 entry fee per person. Call (601) 679-2651.

✓ Two Basic Motorcycle Rider Courses are scheduled on board NAS Meridian this month -- **May 29-30 and May 31-June 1** To register go to ESAMS or visit www.navymotorcycleri.com to enroll. Active duty military will have priority. For more information, call Safety office at (601) 679-3756.

✓ Battle of Midway ceremony set for June 4, at 9 a.m. in front of Administration Building 255. All personnel are invited to attend.

✓ Attention Kids! 1st Tee Golf meets at SAC every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m.

A Day in Naval History

May 13

1908: Navy Nurse Corps established.

1908: Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, later called Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, was officially established in the Territory of Hawaii as a coaling station for U.S. Navy ships transiting the Pacific Ocean.

1943: Bureau of Navigation renamed Bureau of Naval Personnel.

1964: Organization and deployment of world's first all nuclear-powered task group, USS Enterprise, USS Long Beach, and USS Bainbridge, to 6th Fleet.

May 14

1975: Marines recapture Mayaguez, go ashore on Koh Tang Island and release the crew.

May 17

1973: First woman to hold a major Navy command, Capt. Robin Lindsay Quigley, assumes command of Navy Service School, San Diego.

May 22

1958: Naval aircraft F4D-1 Sky Ray sets five world speed-to-climb records, May 22-23.

www.history.navy.mil

THE SKYLINE IS A CHINFO AWARD-WINNING NEWSPAPER

NTTC welcomes new CO

Photos by MC2 Casey Kyhl
Cmdr. Brett St. George salutes sideboys after taking command of Naval Technical Training Center Meridian during a ceremony on May 4.

By MC2 Casey Kyhl
Staff Writer

Naval Technical Training Center (NTTC) Meridian held an official change of command ceremony May 4 at the NTTC Complex on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian, welcoming Cmdr. Brett St. George and bidding farewell to Cmdr. Shane Harris, who has served as commanding officer since June 2010.

Rear Adm. Donald Quinn, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, was the honored guest and key speaker during the ceremony.

"Harris is an exceptional leader who has consistently gotten the hard jobs done," Quinn said. "The people here use words like dedicated and thorough to describe him. He works to understand the issues and processes and constantly pushes his staff to think outside the box, seeking ways to improve training. He has left an indelible mark upon this command."

During Harris' tour, he championed a student focused culture of professional learning, rate training, and personal development; and significantly shaped the early career of more than 4,000 new Sailors.

Harris reorganized the command structure to focus on accountability, transparency, and student learning. This resulted in an 8.6 percent reduction

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Cmdr. Shane G. Harris salutes sideboys after a change of command at Naval Technical Training Center Meridian. Harris served as commanding officer of NTTC since June 2010.

Meridian Galley earns 5-Star rating

By Penny Randall
Editor

The Roy M. Wheat Galley on board NAS Meridian recently received the Captain Edward F. Ney Award for Food Service Excellence by earning a five-star rating from a Navy evaluation team on March 12.

"Our galley is counted amongst the best in Navy Region Southeast and the Navy," said Capt. Charles C. Moore II, commanding officer of NAS Meridian. "This is a fantastic accomplishment."

The Secretary of the Navy and the International Food Service Executives Association established the Capt. Edward F. Ney Memorial Awards Program in 1958. The award is designed to improve food service operations and recognize the best general messes in the Navy. Capt. Ney served as head of the Subsistence Division of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts between 1940 and 1945.

After the year 1999, the Ney Awards are determined by a one-day, surprise inspection conducted by evaluation teams made up of senior Navy mess management specialists and members of the IFSEA. Prior to that, the inspections were scheduled.

Rear Adm. Jack Scorby, commander, Navy Region Southeast, emphasized that the galley's "dedicated efforts have made huge contributions to effectively supporting mission readiness."

Moore said he could not agree more, and I wanted to send out a sincere thank you to the many personnel that contributed the 'dedicated efforts' that made the Meridian Galley the best of the best.

"Again, there are many, many unsung players that provided contributions to make this award happen -- everyone on the galley staff should take great pride in this accomplishment," Moore added.

"I am also extremely proud of our galley personnel for getting to this pinnacle -- one that has not been reached at Meridian for well over a decade. This superior service directly contributes to our mission of enabling and sustaining the warfighters from the shore and serves testament to the excellent quality of life programs everyone at NAS Meridian enjoys on a daily basis."

Take Your Daughters & Sons to Work Day

Staff Sgt. Anthony Walker, a member of the staff at Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One, makes his way over the double-bar obstacle during a demonstration of the Marine Obstacle Course for children who participated in Take Your Daughters & Sons to Work Day on April 26. More than 30 children of military and civilians who work on board NAS Meridian visited the installation to learn what their parents do on a daily basis. The children also enjoyed a tour of the flight line and lunch in the galley.

Photo by MC2 Casey Kyhl

Pharmacy closed for renovations May 17-22

The pharmacy inside the Naval Branch Health Clinic on board NAS Meridian will be closed May 17-22. The clinic is undergoing a \$1.1 million renovation project. All patient reception desks for each section within the clinic will get new counter tops and cabinets, along with improved security features. All patient restrooms will be renovated, and the larger restrooms will be fitted to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Patient and staff parking lots have been repainted and ADA compliant parking spaces were added. The staff regrets any inconvenience this may cause patients who need prescriptions filled. For more information, contact the clinic at 679-2232/2210/2209.

Photo by Penny Randall

Seabees complete projects in Meridian

Photo by Penny Randall

BU3 Joseph Morales, BU3 Justin Hickey and SW3 Jeffrey Connell are among 12 Seabees from NMCB-74 based in Gulfport who are on board NAS Meridian for several weeks working on the ammunition range. The project includes pouring of concrete, building of a covered roof for bleachers, construction of a storage building and painting.

NAS names new Ombudsman

Photo by MC2 Casey Kyhl

Capt. Charles Moore presents Yaris Benitez with an Ombudsman Basic Training certificate of completion May 8 at the Fleet and Family Support Center. Benitez, the wife of ABH2 Dubiell Dezarragla, has been selected as NAS Meridian's new Ombudsman. Ombudsman work to improve communication between the command and the families of service members. To contact Benitez, call the FFSC at (601) 679-2360.

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Photo of the Week



On April 10, the NAS Meridian Navy Exchange had the privilege to help customers, Nollie and Elisabeth Carpenter celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Carpenter approached Navy Exchange sales associate Ashley Hadley and asked her for help picking out a gift for his wife. Ashley suggested making a gift basket with lots of little, personal items his wife would enjoy. Quietly, Mr. Carpenter and the staff at the NEX picked out items and created a gift basket while Mrs. Carpenter was busy shopping. Mr. Carpenter surprised his wife with the lovely basket when she came out of the dressing room. Mr. Carpenter entertained the staff with stories of his search for the perfect wife; he explained that he had looked all over, and he finally had to go to Germany to find his wife. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter on their 60th Anniversary.

Submitted photo

Area Happenings

MAY

10-16: Meridian Little Theatre present “Footloose: The Musical” at the playhouse, Highway 39 North Meridian. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. each night, except Sunday show is at 2 p.m. No performance on Monday. For information, call (601) 482-6371 or to to: www.meridianlittletheatre.com.
16: 59th Annual Jimmie Rodgers Festival presents "The Heart Behind The Music" Songwriter's Showcase featuring Mac McAnally, Teddy Gentry and Lenny LeBlanc at the Temple Theater for the Performing Arts, 2320 8th Street. Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$15. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Temple Box Office by calling (601) 693-5353, the Jimmie Rodgers Museum by calling (601) 485-1808 or on iticket.com. For more information: www.jimmierodgers.com.
17: The Riley Center presents “The House at Pooh Corner” -- a family show. Riley Center is located at 2200 Fifth Street, Meridian. Ticket prices are adults \$18; and child, \$10. Show at 7:30 pm. For information, call Box Office at (601) 696-2200 or visit www.msurileycenter.com.
19: The Riley Center presents “Wynonna and The Big Noise” in concert. Riley Center is located at 2200 Fifth Street, Meridian. Ticket prices are \$70 and \$64. Preshow party at 6 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. For information, call Box Office at (601) 696-2200 or visit www.msurileycenter.com.
19: Jimmie Rodgers Country and Gospel Talent Competition at Dumont Plaza, downtown Meridian. Cost: \$5 admission charge for each spectator (over the age of 3) Time: 8 a.m. For information, (601) 416-1630 or visit www.jimmierodgers.com.
19: “Jimmie Rodgers” Jimmie’s Jam featuring Blue Mountain, The Cedric Burnside Project, Michael Grimm, Alan Sibley & The Magnolia Ramblers, and more at Dumont Plaza, downtown Meridian. Cost: \$5 admission charge for each spectator (over the age of 3). Time: 4-11 p.m. For more information: www.jimmierodgers.com or call (601) 485-1808.
22: Meridian Regional Airport & Dean Aircraft Open House from 4-6 p.m. showcasing aviation at the Meridian Regional Airport, 2811 US Hwy 11 South.

JUNE

2: American Fiddler - Mark O'Connor featuring the Meridian Symphony Orchestra. O'Connor is an American bluegrass, jazz, country and classical violinist/fiddler, composer and music teacher. His music is wide-ranging and critically acclaimed, and he has received numerous awards for both his playing and his composition. Location: The MSU Riley Center, 2200 Fifth Street, Meridian. Tickets: \$55 and \$50. Students and military special rate of \$15. Show time is 7:30 p.m. For information, call (601) 693-2224.
9: Queen City Gypsies 10 Year Anniversary Show at 7 p.m. in the Temple Theater Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the door. Can be purchased at queencitygypsies.com.
10: “XANADU” presented by the Jefferson Performing Arts Society at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. For more information, call the Box Office at (601) 693-5353.
8-23: Children’s Summer Workshop -- Camp Kick-Off is June 8 from 1-4 p.m. Workshop runs June 11-21. Performance of “Stone Soup” and “Robin Hood” on June 23. Cost is \$250 for first child, \$200 for second child and \$150 for other family members. Contact Susie Johnson at (601) 604-2129 or e-mail: susiesmj@comcast.net
21: The Riley Center presents “Jars of Clay” in concert at 7:30 p.m., 2200 Fifth Street, Meridian. Ticket prices are \$35, \$29. For information, call the Box Office at (601) 696-2200 or visit www.msurileycenter.com.

ONGOING

NOW: Kindermusik registration for the Spring 2012 semester is open. Music and movement classes are held at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator for children newborn to 8 years old. Our mission is to help your child learn and grow through music. For more information call (601) 678-7082, e-mail: jcarolmathews@gmail.com, or visit www.MusicWithJulie.com.

In the Spotlight...

Happy Birthday...

The NAS Meridian Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society office would like to wish its volunteer Michelle Delanty happy birth on May 11.



To include an item in this column, e-mail penny.randall@navy.mil or call (601) 679-2318. Photos may be included.

#SAAM: Navy continues to raise awareness beyond April

By Lt. j.g. Lauryn Dempsey
Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Commands across the fleet took time during April to discuss sexual assault as part of a concerted effort to raise awareness about the crime, its impact on victims and the negative consequences for operational readiness.

The effort is not one that ends with Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), Navy officials said May 3.

"SAAM was just the beginning of our sexual assault discussion. We have leveraged this month to raise awareness, and are continuing to push forward with our efforts," said Jill Loftus, director of the Department of the Navy Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

That sentiment was echoed by Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mark Ferguson, who wrapped up the month with an interactive town hall meeting focused on sexual assault awareness and prevention. The discussion was carried live to Sailors on the internet, the Pentagon Channel, and via satellite to ships at sea.

"The end of April does not mark the end of our effort to raise sexual assault awareness. We must build upon the momentum we have generated this month and move forward together, as one team, to develop a resilient and ready force that is intolerant of sexual assault," said Ferguson.

During a meeting with interested members of Congress April 17, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta laid out new initiatives designed to combat sexual assault within the military. Details on those initia-



tives can be found here: <http://www.defense.gov/news/DoDSexualAssault.pdf>

The Center for Personal and Professional development is working to create sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) training products to support education efforts for Navy leaders and the fleet. SAPR training for leaders is scheduled to begin this summer, with training for the fleet expected to begin soon after. Additionally, CPPD's master train-the-trainer teams are already qualifying instructors to teach Bystander Intervention (BI) at all Navy "A" schools as part of Sailors' Navy Military Training after-hours curricula.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response is an important element of the readiness area of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Navy and Marine Corps. The Department of the Navy is working to aggressively to prevent sexual assaults, to support sexual assault victims, and to hold offenders accountable.

Help raise awareness by joining the conversation on social media using #SAAM.

Community Relations



1st Lt. Adam Bueltel helps Julian Smith try on a pilots helmet at the 2012 Main Event: Business and Industry Expo. The Public Affairs staff along with several other military members from the base participated in the event held April 25 at Bonita Lakes Mall. NAS Meridian's booth promoted the Navy-Marine Corps team.

Photo by MC2 Casey Kyhl

Blue Angels announce new boss

NAS PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, announced the commanding officer for the 2013-14 seasons during a press conference at the National Aviation Museum on board Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Fla., May 1.

A panel of admirals and former Blue Angels commanding officers selected Cmdr. Thomas Frosch to succeed Capt. Greg McWherter.

Frosch, a native of Clinton Township, Mich., joins the Blue Angels after serving as the commanding officer for Strike Fighter Squadron 146 (VFA-146), on board Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif. His previous assignments include four squadrons, where he flew the F/A-18 Hornet and deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Allied Force and Iraqi Freedom. Frosch was also selected to attend the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as an Individual Augmentee with the NATO International Security Assistance Force.

Frosch attended the U.S. Naval

Academy, where he lettered in football, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and was commissioned an ensign in the Navy. He also attended the Naval War College, where he earned his Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Frosch has more than 3,000 flight hours and 830 carrier-arrested landings. His decorations include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, six Strike Flight Air Medals, two Individual Air Medals with Combat "V," three Navy Commendation Medals, one with Combat "V," as well as various campaign and unit awards.

The change-of-command ceremony is slated for Nov. 4, at the National Museum of Aviation. The mission of the Blue Angels is to enhance Navy recruiting, and credibly represent Navy and Marine Corps aviation to the United States and its Armed Forces to America and other countries as international ambassadors of good will.

-- From Blue Angels Public Affairs

Deadline nears for Navy League Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Meridian Area Navy League Scholarship is June 30. Please be advised that the scholarship has requirements that include:

- Must be a graduating high school senior or higher or student participating in NJROTC who is a dependent of active duty or retired Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine personnel, or
- A spouse of active duty or retired Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine personnel.

Depending on the quality and quantity of the applications submitted, up to three \$750 scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year will be offered.

To have to application e-mailed to you, contact Susan Junkins at 601-679-2602 or susan.junkins@navy.mil

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5 aviators earn ‘Wings of Gold’ at May 4 ceremony

There was a naval aviator designation ceremony on May 4, in the NAS Community Chapel. Four U.S. Navy and Marine Corps aviators along with one Royal navy pilot will receive their "Wings of Gold" during the ceremony.

The naval aviator designation ceremony is not prescribed specifically by U.S. Navy regulations, but has emerged as an honored product of the rich heritage of naval tradition. It marks the culmination of nearly two years of specialized training, which has prepared these officers for the rigorous demands of aerial combat and carrier operations -- earning each the title of "Naval Aviator" and the right to wear the coveted "Wings of Gold."



Fawcett

Those earning their "Wings of Gold" included: **First Lt. Daniel Fawcett**, USMC, who was named to the Commodore's List during Primary Jet Flight Training and earned one Navy "E" for bombing accuracy. He carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) on March 23. Fawcett com-



Lachenmaier

pleted Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine; **Lt. j.g. Timothy Lachenmaier**, USN, who earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) on March 23. Lachenmaier completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training



Mahoney

Squadron Nine; **First Lt. William Mahoney**, USMC, who carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) on March 23. Mahoney completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven; **First Lt. David Parker**, USMC, who earned two Navy "E's" for



Parker

bombing accuracy during Advanced Jet Flight Training and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) on March 24. Parker completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Seven; **Lt. j.g. Nicholas Smith**, Royal navy, who completed flight training in the UK, earning his



Smith

Royal Navy wings with distinction in May 2009 before coming to the United States. While here, he earned two Navy "E's" for bombing accuracy and carrier qualified in the T-45C on board the USS George H. W. Bush (CVN-77) on Feb. 11. Smith completed Advanced Jet Flight Training with Training Squadron Nine.

How to prevent yourself or loved one from becoming victim of ‘Grandparent Scam’

The Grandparent Scam, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), has been around since at least 2008. The victims of this scam are senior citizens who believe they are helping a grandchild or other relative out of some sort of trouble. The victim is contacted via telephone, e-mail, or text and told some story that ends with the perpetrator asking for money. The FBI cites the below scenarios as those most commonly perpetrated:

a. A grandparent receives a phone call (or sometimes an e-mail) from someone posing as their grandchild. If it is a phone call, it's often late at night or early in the morning when most people aren't thinking clearly. Usually, the person claims to be traveling in a foreign country and has gotten into a bad situation, like being arrested for drugs, getting in a car accident, or being mugged, and needs money wired ASAP. The caller insists on not telling his or her "parents."

b. Sometimes, instead of the "grandchild" making the phone call, the criminal pretends to be an arresting police officer, a lawyer, a doctor at a hospital, or some other person. The FBI has also received complaints about the phony grandchild talking first and then handing the phone over to an accomplice to further spin the fake tale.

c. Military families are also victimized. After perusing a member's social networking site, a con artist will contact the member's grandparents, sometimes claiming that a problem arose during military leave that requires money to address.

d. While it's commonly called "The Grandparent Scam," criminals may also claim to be a family friend, a niece or nephew, or another family member.

This scam is successful when the victim does not verify the story with family members prior to wiring the money. Many of these victims were raised during a time when people trusted one another and did not suspect that anyone would use a family member as bait to obtain money fraudulently. This naively about the current situation in the world puts them in a prime position to be victimized.

Military members are increasingly using social networking sites to keep in touch with family and friends back home. Predators will obtain personal information from these sites and use that information during the calls to their victims, making the call seem genuine.

To avoid being victimized by this scam, individuals should resist the pressure to act quickly, even if they are told it is an emergency; attempt to contact the grandchild or another family member to verify the legitimacy of the call; and, never wire money based on a request made over the phone or in an e-mail, especially overseas. If money is wired overseas, U.S. officials have no hope of retrieving it.

The Consumer Federation of American and the FBI have web sites with additional information about what to do if you or someone you know has fallen victim to the Grandparent Scam.

For more information go to: <http://www.consumerfed.org/pdfsGrandparent-Scam-Tips.pdf> or http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2012/april/grandparent_040212.

● **NTTC**

in under instruction time, 12 percent increase in productive classroom hours, fewer student disciplinary infractions, and enhanced quality of life.

Under his leadership, student learning was further enhanced by the addition of three new labs which provided direct hands-on opportunities for students.

The command also made a positive and lasting impact on the local Meridian community through nearly 13,700 hours of volunteerism and community service.

"During my command the military, civilian and contractor staff has afforded me unbelievable support and allowed me to fulfill a career-long goal," Harris said. "They are the heart and soul of this command and I cannot adequately thank them for all of their blood, sweat and tears. Today I leave feeling as though I have left family behind."

Harris was presented a Meritorious Service Medal and tokens of appreciation from members of the command before the two commanders read their orders and exchanged salutes as St. George took command.

"I would not have wanted to assume command from anyone else," St. George said. "I only hope that in two years, I can say that I did as good of a job as Cmdr. Harris has done."

During the ceremony, St. George became the 20th commanding officer of NTTC Meridian and the first to move directly into the commanding officer billet from the executive officer post at the command.

"Cmdr. St George is a consummate professional



Photo by MC2 Casey Kyhl

Rear Adm. Donald Quinn, center, Commander, Naval Education and Training Command speaks at Naval Technical Training Center Meridian's change of command ceremony while Capt. Dana Weiner, left, and Cmdr. Brett St. George look on.

who is always engaged," Quinn said. "He possesses a rare combination of analytics, intelligence and experience; and can easily translate complex messages into communications which are usable at all levels of the chain of command."

St. George was commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. Upon graduation he immediately started flight training, and was designated a naval pilot in April 1999. His first operational tour was with HC-5 in Guam where he flew the CH-46 Sea Knight. He successfully logged 800 flight hours while performing varied missions to include heliborne firefighting, MEDEVAC, aerial demonstrations, special operation paradrops, night vision goggle amphibious operations, and maritime searches. In addition, he conducted two deployments as part of the aerial Search and

Rescue (SAR) support team to the 31st MEU aboard the USS Essex and USS Belleau Wood. During these deployments, he participated in multiple operations and amphibious exercises in Japan, Korea, and Thailand including the exercise Cobra Gold.

In March 2003, St. George returned to the U.S. Naval Academy where he served as the course coordinator for the freshman core leadership class taught to more than 1,200 midshipmen annually. As a result of the creative environment and teaching techniques he demonstrated in the classroom, he was recognized as runner-up for the Apgar Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

While at the Naval Academy, St. George redesignated as a human resource officer and was selected in 2006 for the prestigious Fleet Scholarship, awarded to three officers annually.

Through this program, he received a masters in business administration from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

In 2008, St. George graduated and reported to the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn., to serve as the Statistics and Allocation Branch head in PERS-45. There, he performed a number of duties that included tracking of Navy personnel throughout the world, analyzing the costs associated with their moves between duty stations, and determining how they might be affected by changes in personnel policies. As a result of his PCS modeling efforts, he was awarded the 2010 Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda award for integration of analysis and policymaking.

Harris' next duty assignment will be as the N1/Assistant Chief of Staff for Commander, U.S. Naval Central Command, Bahrain.

NTTC Awards



Naval Technical Training Center Meridian is proud to recognize **LS1 (SCW/EXW) Dan McGregor** as Sailor of the Quarter, second quarter FY12 for superior performance while serving as Transient Personnel Unit/Barracks Manager and Fleet Campaign Manager.



YN1 (SW) Katherine Kurtz was recently recognized as NTTC's Instructor of the Quarter, first quarter CY12 for superior performance while serving as Yeoman "C" School Instructor.



Stacy Matthews was recently selected as NTTC's Civilian of the Quarter, first Quarter CY12 for professional achievement in the superior performance of her duties as the Command Supply Technician.

Photos by Tom Childress



At a formal ceremony on May 1, Cmdr. Shane Harris awarded Lt. j.g. Luis Ortiz and PSC (SW/AW) Lafayette Bonner with Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals. Ortiz was recognized for creating a comprehensive access database which will provide an efficient one stop source for tracking and analyzing critical student data metrics. Bonner was recognized for developing a new system for tracking metrics to include both performance and compliance with significant training milestones, directly enhancing visibility on student progress within the self-paced learning environment. Congratulations shipmates!



Retirements

Capt. David Lobdell, commodore of Training Air Wing One presents Lt. Cmdr. Terry Pankhurst with his end of tour award during a retirement ceremony for Pankhurst on May 1. Pankhurst served 20 years in the U.S. Navy.

Photo by Penny Randall



Maj. Robert "Kuat's" Gallagher and his wife, Robin, are pictured at his retirement ceremony on April 27. Gallagher served 25 years in the U.S. Marine Corps as enlisted and an officer. He earned his Wings of Gold in Meridian in February 2000, served as instructor pilot in Meridian and most recently as VT-9's Senior Marine. During his career he completed eight deployments.

Photo by Penny Randall

Resident Energy Conservation Program to launch Navy-wide in October

WASHINGTON – Commander, Navy Installations Command will expand the scope of the Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) for Public Private Venture (PPV) housing in the U.S. in phases beginning in October 2012.

The RECP transfers the responsibility for payment of utilities from the PPV project to the residents, consistent with OSD policy. Research indicates that residents use less when

their rent does not include utilities. The RECP is a subset of the broader Department of Defense's Green initiatives.

In January 2011 the RECP pilot program transferred responsibility for payment of utilities to residents living in PPV housing in Hawaii and in Marine Corps Housing at Parris Island and Beaufort, S.C. The pilot program reduced electricity usage by almost 10 percent and generated savings in excess of \$1

million to reinvest into the PPV housing project to fund reserve accounts used to sustain the financial health of the projects.

"RECP was a great success in Hawaii and Beaufort because our service members and their families increased their awareness of their electricity use resulting in conservation of energy without sacrificing comfort," said Vice Adm. William French, Commander, Navy Installations Command. "When we reduce our

energy consumption, we save money. The money we save will be reinvested into the housing communities in which our Sailors and their families live. These funds will be used to improve the homes and neighborhoods."

The RECP methodology works like this: like type groups of homes are metered and their utility usage is measured monthly (water excluded) to develop an average usage.

A buffer of 10 percent is applied above and below the average to create an average usage band – residents with usage above the band for their like type group pay and those under will receive a rebate. The program starts with a communication phase followed by a mock "trial" billing period that prepares residents for "live billing."

The schedule for the RECP Navy-wide rollout will be in

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Philips Targets Earth Day for L Prize Bulb availability to consumers

SOMERSET, N.J. -- On Earth Day, Philips announced it will offer its most technologically advanced LED bulb to consumers for the first time.

The company's response to the federal government's challenge to develop aggressive new technology that would support the nation's goal of energy independence and security was met by the development of the most energy efficient bulb in the world. The Philips L Prize LED bulb, winner of the U.S. Department of Energy's Bright Tomorrow Lighting Prize (L Prize) competition, now available at both retail and online outlets.

"Philips is the first and only company to meet the stringent L Prize requirements for a bulb that produces over 900 lumens, a Color Rendering Index (CRI) of 90 and 2700 Kelvin color temperature, features that allow it to closely mimic an incandescent bulb," stated Ed Crawford, GM of Lamps, Lighting Electronics and Controls for Philips Lighting North America. "Because the new bulb is 83 percent more energy efficient than the standard 60-watt incandescent, consumers can now experience new savings for their pocketbooks by putting this technologically advanced product to use in their homes."

Philips has partnered with over 280 utility companies across the country to ensure rebates are available on the bulb and expects more than 230 additional utilities to join the program in June when the product is

expected to achieve Energy Star qualification. Utilities and efficiency programs such as Cape Light Compact, Efficiency Vermont, Platte River Power Authority (Colorado) and Long Island Power Authority will be offering rebates of \$15-\$25 on the bulb, bring the retail price at point of sale down to as little as \$25.

"By supporting proven LED technology such as the Philips L Prize bulb, we can give consumers a viable, long-lasting alternative to the incandescent or CFL," said Briana Kane, Senior Residential Program Manager at of Cape Light Compact in Massachusetts. "As we head into the peak summer usage months, the ability to reduce your electricity bill for the next few decades by simply screwing in an LED light bulb becomes an attractive and easy proposition."

The winning Philips product excelled through rigorous short-term and long-term performance testing carried out by independent laboratories and field assessments conducted with utilities and other partners. The product also performed well through a series of stress tests, in which the product was subjected to extreme conditions such as high and low temperatures, humidity,

ty, vibration, high and low voltage, and various electrical waveform distortions.

"We knew that it would be an important driver for the industry, spurring innovation and adoption for an alternative to a product that has remained largely unchanged for over a century," said Ed Crawford, GM of Lamps, Lighting Electronics and Controls for Philips Lighting North America. "With LED bulbs, we are looking at a wholesale change in buying lighting technology, going from a disposable good to a durable good. Consumers are no longer looking at a product that will last just six months to a year, they are looking at a product that is much more efficient and will be with them for decades."

If every 60-watt incandescent bulb in the U.S. was replaced with the 10-watt L Prize winner, the nation would save about 35 terawatt-hours of electricity, the equivalent electricity of 17.5 electric power stations, or \$3.9 billion in one year. Moreover, the change will also avoid 20 million metric tons of carbon emissions, or the equivalent to removing nearly 4 million cars from the road.

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation extends scholarship application deadline

The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to honoring military personnel – active, disabled and fallen – and their families, has extended the application deadline for its academic scholarship program to May 15, 2012. High school and undergraduate students residing in Balfour Beatty Communities at NAS Meridian are eligible.

One of the Foundation's primary goals is to promote the pursuit of education and a commitment to community leadership through academic scholarships for the children of active duty service members that live in Balfour Beatty Communities family housing. With this extension, the Foundation hopes to ensure widespread awareness and participation in this important program.

The scholarship program is one of many ways the Foundation strives to honor its commitment to active duty service members and their families. By providing financial assistance to those students in need, Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation recognizes not only their academic and leadership achievements, but also the contributions of their parents and the many sacrifices made by their families.

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation Scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 academic year are available online at <http://www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org/scholarships.aspx>. Completed applications should be sent via mail to the Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation at 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073, attention Sharon Marcone.

Sailors reminded to obtain DoD self service logon

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- All Sailors serving on active duty must obtain a Department of Defense (DoD) Self-service (DS) Logon by Nov. 8, 2013, according to NAVADMIN 148/12, released May 1.

DS Logon is a secure, self-service logon ID that allows beneficiaries affiliated with DoD or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) access to several websites using a single username and password, without the requirement for additional hardware or software such as a Common Access Card reader.

The number of self service applications accessible with a DS Logon is growing. Currently Sailors can access a variety of benefits and services with a DS Logon, including Tricare Online, the VA eBenefits portal, Beneficiary Web Enrollment, myDoDbenefits, and Transferability of Education Benefits.

DS Logon is also a life-long credential that never expires, and is valid for as long as there is a relationship between the individual user and either DoD or the VA.

More information about the benefits of DS Logon and procedures for obtaining a DS Logon can be found by visiting <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/dsaccess>.

--From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

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Sgt. Travis J. Brewer

**Aviation Supply Instructor
Hometown: Louisa, Ky.**

Sgt. Travis J. Brewer is the newest member of the staff of Marine Aviation Training Support Squadron One on board NAS Meridian. He joined the Marine Corps in November 2004.

“I joined to serve my country and to provide for my family,” said Brewer who will be stationed in Meridian for three years.

He has two sons, Blayne, 14, and Landyn, 7, and his married to Nikki.

His hobbies include family activities, bike riding and bowling.

Brewer, 35, lists his two deployments in support of Operation Enduring freedom as the most memorable experience in his career to date. He was deployed for six months in 2010 and again in 2011.

The person he most admires is retired Marine David Parulis.

“He is someone I strive to be like. I consider Mr. Parulis an expert, and his dedication to the Marine Corps is second to none.”

OOORAH!



Pfc. Jeffrey Bond

**Aviation Supply Specialist Student
Hometown: Mt. Dora, Fla.**

Pfc. Jeffrey Bond has big plans for his future. “I haven’t classed up yet, but when I do I will strive to be class leader and excel in my classes,” he said.

Bond, 19, joined the Marine Corps on Sept. 11, 2011.

“I joined for the brotherhood and the challenge. I’m a family orientated person who wants to keep bettering myself.”

Bond comes for a long line of family members who have served in the military.

“They have all inspired me, but I’ve wanted to be a Marine since I was a young boy,” said Bond who lists his hobbies as hunting, fishing, sports and any outdoor activity.

After graduation from MATSS-1, he hopes to be stationed on the East Coast, but says “I will go anywhere the Corps sends me.”

The person he most admires is Gen. James Amos, the 35th commandant of the Marine Corps.

“He has been prosperous, and made his career and held positions through hard work and dedication.”

Georgia native goes above, beyond for man’s best friend

**By Cpl. Timothy Lenzo
1st Marine Division**

TREK NAWA, Afghanistan -- Many children beg their parents for a dog. The floppy ears and wagging tail seems to attract children to man’s best friend. But many parents know that caring for a dog means a lot of responsibility, training and effort.

Dog handlers in the Marine Corps not only shoulder those same responsibilities — they volunteer for it. Then take on the responsibilities of being deployed to Afghanistan as well.

A dog handler’s job can be exhausting, with an additional month of dog handler school, combined with months of pre-deployment training.

For Cpl. Jeffery Rodriguez, a dog handler with Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, those responsibilities are more like a privilege.

Rodriguez said he loves being a dog handler. He knows he’s helping his squad, and the added responsibilities far outweigh the added attention of caring for a dog.

What sets Rodriguez apart from other dog handlers is the personal effort he puts into Dharma, a 4-year-old Labrador retriever.

“He’s the best dog handler I’ve ever seen,” said Sgt. Edward Welsh, Rodriguez’s squad leader. “He’s constantly taking care of the dog and working to make himself and Dharma better.”

Rodriguez, a native of Fayetteville, Ga., knows that a dog handler’s job is

more than just patrolling with and feeding the dog. The most important job is ensuring the dog is well prepared for the deployment ahead.

Shortly after he arrived in Afghanistan he built Dharma a new kennel.

The kennel, made from discarded pieces of Hesco wall, has a door and a crate for Dharma to sleep in. He used excess cargo netting to cover half of the kennel to shield Dharma from the harsh wind and heat of Afghanistan.

Dharma, with her endless wagging tail and dark eyes, returns the favor with loyalty and obedience.

Rodriguez’s responsibilities extend farther than supplying Dharma with shelter. He works with Dharma to keep her skills sharp.

“He exercises the dog and whenever he goes running he takes the dog with him,” said Welsh, a native of Cleveland.

Keeping the dogs in shape is vital in an area where temperatures will reach more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

“If a dog gets out of breathe in 20 to 30 minutes, they actually become a hindrance to the unit,” said 1st Lt. Joseph Hoeksema, Rodriguez’s platoon commander. “Dharma is in shape, and (Rodriguez) works her out two to three times a day.”

Keeping Dharma in shape is a priority for Rodriguez. He laughingly said he can’t let the dog get fat.

Rodriguez continually trains Dharma. After patrols and after security



Photo by Cpl. Timothy Lenzor

Lance Cpl. Jeffery Rodriguez, a dog handler with Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, patrols with his dog, Dharma, April 24, 2012. This is Rodriguez’s last deployment and the first for Dharma, a 4-year-old black Labrador retriever. Rodriguez decided to volunteer to be a dog handler after seeing them on his previous deployment to Afghanistan.

posts, he trains her with commands to strengthen their communication.

The bond between a dog handler and his dog is based on trust. If a dog doesn’t trust the handler it won’t obey commands.

“He tells her to sit there and stay there, (and) she does it,” said Hoeksema, a native of Davenport, Iowa. “It doesn’t matter if we are getting shot at, she’s obeying (Rodriguez).”

Rodriguez has

Dharma to help find improvised explosive devices and weapons caches.

“I use Dharma to search compounds, or to verify potentially dangerous objects,” said Rodriguez. “She’s like my little guardian angel running around.”

The Marines patrol with Dharma daily, clearing compounds and routes.

“Just trusting (Dharma) helps the

Marines,” said Hoeksema. “When she goes into a compound and doesn’t find an IED, the Marines are able to walk in confident that there aren’t any IEDs.”

Dharma confirmed two IEDs and some hidden-away weapons while deployed; but beyond her keen nose, she’s made more of an impact on the Marines she protects.

Dharma also helps with morale of Marines who are away from their families for several months.

After patrolling, the Marines regularly pet and play with Dharma. They also laugh as she interacts with the local animals; goats and turkeys make an interesting find for a curious dog.

The sound of wings flapping and a loud gobble lets the squad know Dharma is up to some good-natured mischief.

Rodriguez lets it go for a little bit before calling Dharma back.

“It has been a great experience being a dog handler,” said Rodriguez. “It’s a great job to have with a lot of responsibility.”

The extra workouts and countless hours to keep Dharma’s training sharp are well worth the sacrifice when compared to the bond Rodriguez developed with Dharma. He considers her more than a dog. She is a friend, and a faithful one at that.

“She’s not much of a growler,” said Rodriguez. “She does get protective with me though, she’ll bark at someone if she thinks I’m in danger.”

In a couple of weeks, Rodriguez and Dharma

will return home from their deployment to Afghanistan. This is Dharma’s first deployment and could be Rodriguez’s last.

They’ll return on the same flight but will then be separated. Dharma will be assigned a new dog handler, and Rodriguez will return to his squad.

Though he said the goodbye will be hard, Rodriguez shared that he loved every minute of being a dog handler. The bond he built with Dharma and the experience was well worth the extra responsibility.

“It’s hard not to think of Rodriguez and not think of Dharma too,” said Welsh. “They are like two peas in a pod.”

Rodriguez leaves Afghanistan with a four-legged friend and a life-long bond.

“These dogs do work, so I’d want the next dog handlers to know to take it seriously,” said Rodriguez with a smile.

Editor’s note: Second Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, is part of Regimental Combat Team 5, 1st Marine Division (Forward), which works in partnership with the Afghan National Security Forces and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to conduct counterinsurgency operations. The unit is dedicated to securing the Afghan people, defeating insurgent forces and enabling ANSF assumption of security responsibilities within its area of operations in order to support the expansion of stability, development and legitimate governance.

Safety Is Our Duty

Naval Safety Center offers tips to stay safe

Carbon Monoxide Safe Tips

1. Have a qualified technician inspect your heating system and hot water heater before the heating season begins. If you buy an older house or rent an apartment or home, have the system checked.
2. Buy heating and cooking equipment approved by an independent testing laboratory.
3. If you live in base housing and use supplemental heaters, make sure they are permitted.
4. Read the manufacturer's warning about ventilation. Have them inspected by a qualified technician every year.
5. Never use a hibachi or barbecue grill inside a home or garage.
6. Ensure the flue is clear before lighting your fireplace.
7. Never leave your car or truck running in the garage. Do not assume opening the garage door will let in enough fresh air. When you start your car or truck, drive it outside immediately. When you return, turn the motor off when you stop. If you suspect there is an exhaust leak, get it fixed right away.
8. Install a carbon monoxide detector inside your home to provide early warning. These devices sound an alarm when the concentration of CO in the air corresponds to a level of poisoning still so low that people do not become sick. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for correct placement. Test the device every month and replace the detector or battery as recommended, generally every two years.
9. If you ever think you are experiencing CO poisoning, get into fresh air immediately. Open doors and windows. Call for help.

Electricity Safe Tips

- An estimated 600 people die every year of electrical causes. Most of these accidents involve low voltage (600 volts or less)
- An estimated 3,600 people suffer disabling injuries from contact with electricity each year in the U.S.
- Electrical fires in homes kill an average of 485 Americans each year and injure more than 2,300.
- Most electrical accidents are caused by misuse and poor maintenance of electrical appliances, incorrectly installed wiring, and overloaded circuits and extension cords.
- During a typical year, home electrical problems account for 67,800 fires.

Do's and Don'ts

- Insulation is a primary protection against electric shock, but it can get worn or cracked. Inspect it regularly. Look for frayed cords on power tools.
- Replace damaged electrical equipment or have it repaired at an authorized repair center. Replace frayed cords, broken plugs or cracks that could cause hazards; cut and throw out damaged cords.
- Plug grounded (3-wire) tools only into grounded outlets.
- Don't pick up power tools

by their power cords.

- Read and obey all signs and posted warnings. Don't let these important sources of information become an unnoticed part of the landscape.
- Don't work with electricity in the rain, and don't work with it while you're standing in water. Use ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection when working where water is near electricity, in areas such your kitchen, laundry room, bathroom or outdoors, to protect against electric shock.
- Leave technical, complicated or confusing tasks involving electricity to electrician's and other specialists. A little knowledge can definitely be a dangerous thing when it comes to wiring, troubleshooting and repairing electrical devices and circuits.
- If you are working with someone who gets shocked, first make sure you shut down the source of the current. If the victim appears to still be touching the source of the shock, move him or her away using something made of wood or plastic.
- Make sure that all appliances and equipment are approved by an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Summer activity trips

The beginning of summer means it's time to play ball so apply risk management when planning your activity. Most of the things that can hurt you or go wrong are easy to anticipate and avoid.

A few smart decisions go a long way toward maintaining our Navy and Marine Corps combat readiness. We all know that our force is operating at a high tempo, and it can be tempting to let off steam with high-risk activities during down time. Just remember, our forces are affected just as drastically by an off-duty mishap as by one occurring at work. Have fun, but be smart.

Sports injuries often seem like an inevitable part of the game, but you can do some things to help prevent them:

1. Make sure you have the proper skills and training before participating in any sport.
2. Use the proper protective gear for the particular sport you are playing. This will lessen the chances of being injured.
3. Minimize the chance of muscle strain or other soft-tissue injury by warming up before starting. Cool down later to loosen the body's muscles.
4. Apply sunscreen and wear a hat (where possible) to reduce the chance of sunburn.
5. If a person receives a soft-tissue injury, immediately treat with RICE (rest, ice, compression, elevation).
6. Schedule frequent water breaks during practices and games, and use misting sprays to keep the body cool.

If you have questions on this or any other fire related topic or need any assistance with your home fire safety, contact the NAS Meridian Fire Prevention Office at (601) 679-3866/3867/2589.



Secretary of the Navy announces LHA 7 will be named USS Tripoli

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced May 4 the selection of USS Tripoli as the name for the Navy's next large-deck amphibious assault ship (LHA 7).

The USS Tripoli will be the third ship to bear the name Tripoli. The name commemorates the capture of Derna in 1805 by a small force of U.S. Marines and approximately 370 soldiers from 11 other nationalities. The battle, later memorialized in the Marines' Hymn with the line "to the shores of Tripoli", brought about a successful conclusion to the combined operations of the First Barbary War. The first USS Tripoli, an escort carrier, fought in the battle of the Atlantic during World War II. The second, an amphibious assault ship, earned nine battle stars, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and a Navy Unit Commendation for service in Vietnam.

"USS Tripoli and the proud heritage the name rep-

resents will be an inspiration for generations of sailors and Marines who serve aboard and those who come in contact with her, reminding all the freedoms our Navy protects are as vital today as they were centuries ago," Mabus said.

Like the future USS America (LHA 6), LHA 7 has an increased aviation capacity to include an enlarged hangar deck, realignment and expansion of the aviation maintenance facilities, a significant increase in available stowage for parts and support equipment, and increased aviation fuel capacity.

The LHA 7 will use the same gas turbine propulsion plant, zonal electrical distribution and electric auxiliary systems designed and built for the USS Makin Island, replacing the maintenance intensive steam plants of earlier ships. This unique auxiliary propulsion system is designed for fuel efficiency.

The LHA 7 will provide a flexible, multi-mission platform with capabilities that span the range of military operations -- from forward deployed crisis response to forcible entry operations. The ship also will provide forward presence and power projection as an integral part of joint, interagency and multinational maritime expeditionary forces. The ship will operate for sustained periods in transit to and operations in an amphibious objective area to include: embarking, transporting, controlling, inserting, sustaining and extracting elements of a marine air-ground task force, and supporting forces by helicopters and tilt rotors supported by Joint Strike Fighters F-35B.

For more information about LHA, visit http://www.navy.mil/navydata/fact_display.asp?cid=4200&tid=400&ct=4.>

-- From Department of Defense Public Affairs



Photo by MC3 Nick C. Scott

ARABIAN GULF -- The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and the Military Sealift Command fast combat support ship USNS Supply (T-AOE 6) conduct a replenishment at sea. Enterprise is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations, theater security cooperation efforts and support missions as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Enterprise, CVW-1 Support Operation Enduring Freedom

By MC1 Steve Smith
Enterprise Carrier Strike Group
Public Affairs

USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea (NNS) -- Aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 1 began flying combat missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), May 1.

Through these missions, the Navy and Marine Corps squadrons aboard Enterprise are providing direct support to coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.

The missions include close-air support, electronic warfare, reconnaissance, and airborne command and control.

In Afghanistan, these missions degrade terrorist activities, diminish Taliban influence and improve security, which leads to stability and economic prosperity.

CVW-1 spent months preparing for these missions, and is ready to join coalition forces in the region.

Enterprise joins the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group in the region. Thus far, Abraham Lincoln has flown more than 1,400 sorties, totaling more than 8,700 flight hours in support of coalition efforts in Afghanistan, according to the Lincoln's Public Affairs Office.

Over the course of May 1, their first day supporting OEF, CVW-1 aircraft

flew 29 sorties.

According to Capt. Jeffrey Trent, commander, CVW-1, the number of sorties flown on the first day will be the standard throughout much of the time CVW-1 is supporting OEF.

"That will be a very standard number," said Trent. "This is a marathon. We're going to be here for a number of months, and we're in it for the long haul, and getting jets on and off the deck is no easy task."

Accomplishing this task falls on the shoulders of the Sailors and Marines working aboard Enterprise every day.

"It's not just the airplanes flying. It's the Sailors and Marines working on the flight deck; it's the men and women working in the engineering plant, and those working everywhere in between, that support this mission," said Trent.

Enterprise should fly approximately 170 OEF sorties per week.

Commander U.S. 5th Fleet reported U.S. Navy aircraft have averaged about 5,000 close-air support missions per year in support of OEF, since 2009. As they did in 2011, Enterprise and CVW-1 will directly contribute to that total in 2012. During last year's deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility, Enterprise and CVW-1 supported OEF with a total of 1,450 com-

bat sorties.

"During this deployment we get to capitalize on all the experience gained last year," said Trent. "However, training is happening every flight and every event improves overall readiness."

Enterprise and CVW-1 will not be the only Navy assets supporting operations in Afghanistan during the carrier's final deployment. Sailors serve throughout all 34 Afghan provinces and in the six Navy-led Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs), promoting governance, enhancing security and aiding in reconstruction efforts.

CVW-1 is comprised of the "Red Rippers" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 11, the "Checkmates" of VFA 211, the "Knighthawks" of VFA 136, the "Thunderbolts" of Marine Attack Fighter Squadron (VMFA) 251, the "Rooks" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 137, the "Screwtops" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 123, and the "Dragonslayers" of Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS) 11.

Enterprise is deployed on its 22nd and final deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility, conducting maritime security operation efforts and support missions for Operation Enduring Freedom.

CSG-1, Royal Australian Defense Forces team up

By MC3 Rosa A. Arzola
USS Carl Vinson Public Affairs

USS CARL VINSON, At Sea (NNS) -- USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) welcomed six Royal Australian Defense Force (RADF) officers aboard, April 29 - May 2, giving them an opportunity to observe a U.S. aircraft carrier in action as the ship continues its deployment in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

Royal Australian Navy (RAN) officers Lt. Cmdr. Michael Jagger, Lt. Daniel Boettger, Lt. Stephen Blume, Lt. Liam Walters; and Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Lts. John Micuvand Chad Myles, have since participated in various simulated battle scenario exercises alongside Vinson and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 17 Sailors.

mentioned they performed an outstanding job."

Blume said this experience has increased his professional knowledge on a broader scale.

"This is the greatest thing that could have happened to me this year so far," Blume said. "It was something new for me."

Walter explained since the RAN does not currently operate aircraft carriers, the opportunity to participate in flight operations while out to sea is a rare one.

"We gain experience by working with the U.S. Navy, swapping techniques and just learning from each other," Walters said. "What better way to build relationships with-in our navies than to train together? We fight wars together, why not train together?"

Micu and Myles are air combat officers in the RAAF who conduct airborne early warning missions. They run the mission equipment and use radars to communicate with pilots.

Myles explained although they do not perform their job while out to sea, the knowledge they acquired from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 125 will help them assist the RAN from their position on the shore.

"We do a lot of work with our navy and the U.S. Navy, as well. I work in an airborne commanding control platform," Myles said. "We are used to working with agencies from other countries."

Meanwhile, Jagger and Boettger, both meteorology operations officers, primarily worked in the Meteorology Room training Vinson Sailors to understand the region's weather dynamics, specifically dynamics surrounding Vinson's southern transit toward Australia. Jagger noted a numerical model is necessary in order to make weather predictions in the region due to a lack of real-time observation systems.

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SECNAV announces DDG 116 to be named Thomas Hudner

Department of Defense Public Affairs (NNS) -- Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced May 7 the next Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer (DDG) will be named the USS Thomas Hudner.

Thomas J. Hudner Jr., a naval aviator who retired as a captain, received the Medal of Honor from President Harry S. Truman for displaying uncommon valor during an attack on his wingman, the first African American naval aviator to fly in combat, Ensign Jesse L. Brown. During the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War, anti-aircraft fire hit Brown's aircraft, damaging a fuel line and causing him to crash. After it became clear Brown was seriously injured and unable to free himself Hudner proceeded to purposefully crash his own aircraft to join Brown and provide aid. Hudner injured his own back during his crash landing, but he stayed with Brown until a rescue helicopter arrived. Hudner and the rescue pilot worked in the sub-zero, snow-laden area in an unsuccessful attempt to free Brown from the smok-

“Thomas Hudner exemplifies the core values of honor, courage and commitment the Navy holds dear.”

Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy

ing wreckage. Hudner is the last living Navy recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Korean War.

After receiving recognition for his heroism, Hudner remained on active duty, completing an additional 22 years of naval service during which his accomplishments include flying 27 combat missions in the Korean War and serving as the executive officer aboard the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War.

“Thomas Hudner exemplifies the core values of honor, courage and commitment the Navy holds dear,” said Mabus.

"Naming the Navy's next DDG for him will ensure his legacy will be known, honored and emulated by future generations of sailors and Marines who serve and all who come in contact with this ship."

The Arleigh Burke class destroyer will be able to conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis management to sea control and power projection. It will be capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface



Photo by MC3 Mikelle D. Smith

WASHINGTON -- Medal of Honor recipient retired Capt. Thomas Hudner salutes while taps is played during the Centennial of Naval Aviation wreath laying ceremony at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., Hudner received the medal of honor for his attempted rescue of Ens. Jesse Brown during the Korean War.

battles simultaneously and will contain a myriad of offensive and defensive weapons designed to support maritime warfare in keeping with the Navy's ability to execute the Department of Defense's defense strategy.

For more information about the Arleigh Burke class destroyers please visit http://www.navy.mil/navydata/fact_display.asp?cid=4200&tid=900&ct=4.>

-- From Department of Defense

NAS Whiting Field to save on annual utility costs

MILTON, Fla. (NNS) -- Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast Public Works Department (PWD) Pensacola awarded a \$3.6 million Utility Energy Services Contract (UESC) to Gulf Power (a Southern Company) for an energy conservation project aboard Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., April 25.

"The project was designed to reduce energy consumption as well as upgrade the energy management infrastructure of 12 facilities at NAS Whiting Field," said Reggie Parker, utilities and energy manager.

Prior to the contract award, the PWD Whiting Field staff audited multiple facilities on station to determine which facilities would yield an adequate return on investment based on certain Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs).

This included reviewing facility energy and water usage data, analyzing prior maintenance work orders and assessing the risk of implementing new technologies. Then, the appropriate energy reduction technology and equipment to address each conservation measure was established. The process also included validating the projected savings.

"The annual energy and water savings from this project - 14,850 MMBTU/year and 1,300 KGAL/year - translate to an annual savings of more than \$300K per year in utility costs," said Parker.

The energy and water savings will make significant contributions toward the mandated requirements of the Energy Independence Security Act of 2007, and Executive Order 13423 which require specific reductions in energy and water consumption in federal facilities of

at least 30 percent and 16 percent, respectively, by fiscal year 2015.

A unique attribute of the UESC vehicle is that it allows for project award with no up-front money or investment by the government with the utility company. Instead, the utility company secures funding (often third-party financing) for the project which in turn is re-paid by the government from the utility cost savings generated by the energy conservation project.

"With this project, the government was able to take advantage of historically low financing rates to implement much needed, and required, energy and water savings measures," said Parker.

The project will start in July and is expected to be completed by April 2013.

-- From Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast Public Affairs Office

Navy Lodges offer guests even more value through scratch card promotion

The Navy Lodge Program is offering its guests an even greater value with its 2012 permanent change of station (PCS) scratch card promotion. The PCS scratch cards are good for 10, 15, 25 percent off or a free stay for any PCS stay at any Navy Lodge in the continental United States, up to 20 days.

"Navy Lodge guests know they save 40 percent plus when they stay with us," said Mike Bockelman, Vice President, Navy Exchange Service Command's (NEX-COM) Director, Navy Lodge Program. "Moving can be stressful and costly. We're hoping this scratch card promotion will ease some of that by offering an even greater savings on their Navy Lodge stay."

The Navy Lodge PCS scratch card can be found at Fleet and Family Service Centers, PSD or by calling 800-NAVY INN (800-628-9466). Guests need to present the scratch card at check-out to see the savings. This promotion runs now through Dec. 31, 2012.

For more information, visit www.navy-lodge.com.

● Energy

phases depending upon whether meters are in place and the project is ready to implement. During 2013 all PPV projects will start live billing.

The tentative roll out schedule for live billing is shown by region of the country as follows (check with the local housing office for more details):

New Orleans: January 2013
Northwest, Midwest, Southeast: April 2013
Southwest: July 2013
Mid-Atlantic and Northeast: October 2013

For more specific information about when the RECP will roll out for a specific installation contact your local Navy housing office (a master list of all Navy installation housing offices is located at www.cnmc.navy.mil/housing

-- From Commander, Navy Installations Command

Summer is a great time to take classes at NAS Meridian and Meridian Community College can help. Evening classes offered on board NAS Meridian

from May 29 to July 25:
Mondays: Human Growth and Development
Tuesdays and Thursdays: American Literature I
Both classes start at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Ardra Govan at 601-679-2450.

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2012 SUMMER HOUSEHOLD GOODS PEAK SEASON PREPARATIONS

The peak season for household moves is May 15 through Sept. 30. The Personal Property Office advise members that are moving to take the following actions:

1. Visit www.move.mil and review the vast household goods move planning tools.
2. If the member has not done so, establish a move.mil account.
3. If possible try to avoid scheduling your move around Memorial Day and two weeks after the fourth of July, this seems to be the most difficult times for TSP's (Transportation Service Provider) to accommodate members requesting moving dates.
4. Once you are notified by tour TSP, stay in contact with them.
5. If applicable, consider doing a PPM/DITY move.
6. If any damages occur, make sure the claim is filed within 75 days of your delivery date.
7. After your household goods are delivered, please fill out the Customer Service Survey.

Remember, planning, preparation, flexibility and communication are the key to executing a successful household goods move.

ELECTRONICS
MUSICAL/COMPUTERS

Like new 4/4 Cello (played twice), new strings, 2 cases (hard/soft), bow, rosin, tuning pipe, instrument stand, music stand, digital metronome, 2 new music books. All included \$500. Call (601) 480-2230. Serious inquiries only, please.

Two 12" powerbass subwoofers. Asking \$100. Call (601) 678-9177.

Klipsch Proedia 2.1 Speaker System in used, working condition. Call Bill at (601) 934-8718.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Brand New Treadmill fully equipped. Asking \$400 firm. Great savings! Call (601) 681-4280.

Chuck Norris Total Gym "XLS." Call (601) 513-3495.

BOATS/CAMPERS/TRAILERS

Camper/F350 Package -- 1999 5th Wheel Impreial by Holiday Rambler 36SKT standard or goose-neck hitch, new refrigerator/freezer, new leather swivel recliner chairs, 80 gallon fresh water tank, flat screen TV, microwave over with bent fan, three burner stove with oven, two air conditioners, owners are non-smokers! Asking \$16,165. **2003 F350 Dualie Crew Cab** with Lariat Package, 135,000 miles complete maintenance record, 6 speed manual transmission, 7.3 liter turbo diesel, trailer pkg., tool box, non smokers. Will sell separately or discount both items as a package. Asking \$19,000 for F350. As a package: \$34,000. Call (601) 917-4545 or (601) 693-9292.

2012 Cargomate 6x12x6 enclosed cargo trailer. One month old, bought from a dealer, build date 8/18/2011. Rear barn doors, slide door, interior light, spare tire, 3 month limited factory warranty. \$3200 OBO. Call (267) 414-4124.

32-foot Mountaineer Travel Trailer, tag-alone, 2 slides, excellent condition. Asking \$13,300. Call (251) 607-9536.

1992 Sprint 276 Pro Bass Boat Yamaha Pro V 150. Runs great, ready to fish. Asking \$4,500. Call John at (601) 737-8735 or (601) 701-5069.

Concession Trailer (former CAT-FISH PLUS). Great operation for new power plant area. Negotiable terms. Call John at (601) 737-8735 or (601) 701-5069.

2008 SKEETER ZX190, Bass Boat -- Blue/White/Black Galaxy Hull with protective Keel Guard and Light Grey Interior. Powered by Yamaha 175 HPDI motor. Package includes: EZ Loader Trailer, Line Spooler, Hot foot/Pro Trim, tilt Steering, Hummingbird 767 w/GPS, Hummingbird 727 Bow Mount, Auto Bilge Switch, Safety Ladder, Bow Mounted 80 LB. thrust Minn Kota trolling motor and much more. Price \$29,500. Call: day (601) 604-2256, evening: (601) 483-5311.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

NEW ITEM! Sofa and love seat. Dark blue microfiber material in great condition, 6 pillows included. Asking \$500 OB. **Coffee table and end table.** Asking \$120 OBO. Call (619) 512-6630.

Solid Wood Oak top white high dining room table with hideaway extension, and 4 white high top chairs. Six months old in perfect condition. \$650 call 601-513-3495.

Wrought Iron Baker's Rake for \$100 or OBO. If you would like to see a picture e-mail jason4heather@yahoo.com or call (601) 679-8372.

Chocolate love seat with decorative pillows. Asking \$280. In excellent condition with no tears or stains and comes from a smoke free home. Call Helena at (601) 485-1472.

34" widescreen Trinitron Sony HDTV. Remote & Memory Card slot, works great. Asking \$150. Call (601) 621-4417.

Butterfly couch and chair with the pillows. Asking \$500 set. Color is forest green. Call (417) 664-5420.

Solid Cherry Wood Entertainment Center, 7 1/2 foot tall, Holds up to a 40" TV. Beautiful piece of furniture -- Like New. Asking \$600. Call (601) 679-8052.

AUTOMOBILES, ETC.

2008 Chrysler PT Cruiser, 48,000 miles. New compressor-cold A/C. Asking for Kelly Blue Book value: \$9,000 OBO. Call Rhett at (251) 300-0198 or (251) 422-0983.

2003 Gold Chrysler, 300M loaded, heated leather, CD, XM satellite, sun roof, nice interior. High mileage but well maintained. One owner, new transmission and battery, fairly new tires, needs motor work. Asking \$1350 OBO. Call (601) 679-2636 or (662) 803-9007.

2005 Ford Explorer, sunroof, leather interior, low mileage. Asking \$7,500 OBO. Call (601) 490-3905.

20in Chrome rims and tires (Toyo Proxy-295/45R/20). 6 lug. Only 10k miles. Asking \$750. Call (757) 814-9739 or (601) 479-3446.

MOTORCYCLES/GEAR/ATV

NEW ITEM! 2007 Suzuki Eiger 400 ATV, 4x4, auto trans, winch, garage kept excellent condition, low miles. Also, 6x10 utility trailer with spare tire and mount. Asking \$3,000 for both. Call Jerry at 601-513-2624.

1981 Kawasaki KZ440LTD motorcycle, 22k miles. Asking \$1500. Call (601) 457-8915.

2008 Suzuki Boulevard T-50. 10600 Miles, leather touring bags, floor boards, shield, various helmets, garage kept, synthetic oil since new, new tires with sale. Asking \$4,500. Call John (601) 737-8735 or (601) 701-5069.

4-wheeler for sale. Asking \$800. Call (601) 483-3801 for details.

HOMES/APARTMENTS

NEW ITEM! For Sale: Home located 20 minutes from NAS Meridian, 3 BR/2 BA home located in the Poplar Springs school district. Home also has a finished basement with full living area, sunroom, and deck, 1 car garage and nice backyard. Must see! Call (601) 490-3905 great deal!

Home for sale in excellent Meridian neighborhood. Call Alita for more information, (602) 513-4787.

Single family home, 2708 Russell Camp Road, Meridian, 1131 square foot, 2 BR/1 BA with a two car garage & with a washer and dryer. Available after July 1 2012. Rent: \$569. Proof of military service in form of LES or orders get half off of first months rent. Can be seen on www.ahm.com or call G. Barrett at 850-855-8304. To be seen by appointment only. Currently the house is occupied.

For Sale by Owner: 3 BR/2 full BA, nice kitchen with breakfast nook, formal living room and dining room, 1860 sq. ft., view of main lake at private community of Dalewood Lake in Lauderdale, 2 car garage, situated on 3 beautiful fenced lots, large front porch, deck, double French door lead to back court yard. 12 miles to NAS Meridian. Can provide picture with email request to: pardis-ekw@yahoo.com. Call (601) 479-9713 or (601) 679-3517.

TOOLS

Craftsman Contractor Series Radial Arm Saw with stand, asking \$200. Call (601) 679-9972.

Craftsman 10" compound miter saw. Works great \$40. Call (757) 412-9411. Leave message.

10hp generator for sale used very little. Asking \$450. Call (601) 323-1003.

MISCELLANEOUS

10 month old Maltese Poodle mix puppy, spayed female, med records, 8 pounds. Can email pics. Serious inquiries only. Fenced yard preferred. Asking \$150 Call (601) 880-3819.

Lab Puppies -- AKC registered have first shots and ready to pick up April 1, mother and father onsite. Asking \$300 each. Call Ann at (601) 480-4134.

Wedding dress size 8 and veil for sale. If interested please call 601-938-0182.

Golf Taylormade Driver R9 \$150; Bobby Jones Workshop Edition Driver \$70 -- all in like new condition. Call (601) 679-2022.

5x5x4 fenced kennel. Asking \$150. Call Tamra at (601) 479-7902.

WANTED TO BUY

Motorcycles any size any condition, will pay above salvage price. Also have a large selection of good used parts for sale. Call (601) 938-4295

If you wish to add or remove an item from "Sale...or" please send your request to penny.randall@navy.mil or call (601) 679-2809. Deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. the Thursday before publication.



NAS Meridian, MS • Morale, Welfare and Recreation

On the Web: www.nas.meridian.mil/mwr

Facility Phone Numbers

Fitness Center	678-2379	The Outpost	678-2309	CCC/CCH	678-2362
All Hands Pool	678-2470	Library	678-2326	SAC	678-2322
Liberty Center	678-3780	Rudder's	678-2328	SLO	678-2473
ITT	678-2773	Sandwich Grill	678-2780	P.C. Golf Course	678-2828
McCain Rec Ctr	678-2581	Moody's Diner	678-2331	MWR Admin.	678-2581



McCain Rec Center

MAY SPECIALS

SUNDAY
FAMILY SPECIAL, 1pm-6pm.
MONDAY
NTTC/MATSS-1 STUDENT SPECIAL, 8pm-close.
THURSDAY
RSTA SPECIAL, 8pm-close.
FRIDAY
COSMIC LIGHT NIGHT, 8pm-Close.

Scheduled movie premieres at McCain Rec Center. Admission is FREE!



Rated PG13
5/10/12 • 6pm



Rated PG13
5/12/12 • 6pm



Rated PG13
5/15/12 • 6pm



Rated R
5/18/12 • 6pm



Rated PG13
5/17/12 • 6pm

SHRIMP-N-SOUND



NIGHT OF FUN

Fatman will be live during Shrimp-N-Sound for free boiled shrimp, corn and potatoes. Some 600 event goers also enjoyed live music by Fatman, who will also return to NAS Meridian to perform as one of the acts for FreedomFest. This is MWR's annual Independence Day celebration will take place on Friday, June 29, 2012.

Photo by Matt Smith/USMC News/USMC

2012 Base Bowling Championship

May 19, 2012 • 1000 • 8 Games
Scratch • \$20 Entry Fee

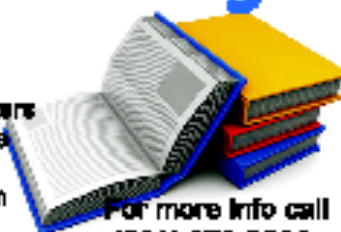


At McCain Rec Center

Andrew Triplett Library

Some services offered:

- Story Time/Ages 3-5
- NY Times Bestsellers
- Over 20 Magazines
- Daily Newspapers
- Navy Reading List Books
- TV/Lounge Area
- Six Free Computers
- Copy/Fax Service
- Free Wi-Fi
- Conference Room



For more info call
(801) 679-2326.



The following are events scheduled for single and unaccompanied active duty military aboard NAS Meridian. For info call (801) 679-3790.

Saturday, May 12 Water Slide Day

A water slide will be set up outside of the Liberty Center from 1500-1800 for you to enjoy some refreshing fun.

Sunday, May 13 Dog Day Sunday

FREE hotdogs, chips, beans & cookies served at 1300 in the Liberty Center.

Monday, May 14

Ping-Pong Tournament
The tournament begins at 1000 in the Liberty Center. No entry fee – prize awarded to the winner.

Wednesday, May 16 Liberty Bowl

FREE bowling to all Liberty patronage at the McCain Recreation Center from 1800 – 2030.

Saturday, May 19 Pensacola Beach Trip

Travel to Pensacola, FL for a day of relaxation on the beach, shopping and good food. We leave the Liberty parking lot at 0700. The cost is \$15 per person. You must register & pay for the trip by Wednesday, May 16. A minimum of 20 people is needed for the trip to run – NO REFUNDS (unless the trip is cancelled).

Sunday, May 20 Double Elimination Pool Tournament

The tournament begins at 1000 in the Liberty Center. No entry fee – prize awarded to the winner. Register the day of the event at the Liberty Center.

Monday, May 21 BINGO Night

Games begin at 1800. Prize awarded to the winners.

Wednesday, May 23 Birthday Bash

A celebration of May birthdays! FREE cookies and soda will be provided at 1800 in the Liberty Center.

Summer Camp 2012

Camp Begins May 28, 2012

For ages 5-12
Registration Packets may be picked up at CDC or SAC.

For more info call
(601) 679-2652 or
(601) 679-5252.

Register Today!

New Available!



Six Flags Over Georgia & Geyser Falls tickets now available at the ITT Office!



Events

Monday- Margarita Monday
Tuesday- Import/Specialty Beer Night
Wednesday- Ladies' Night
Thursday- Karaoke Night

May 11: The Band Recoll Live
For info call 678-2636.

Sonny Montgomery Fitness Center Complex

Personal Trainer

Now available at the Fitness Center. Begins at 5:30am Monday-Saturday. Call (601) 679-2379 for info.

Massage Therapy

Rates start at only \$35 for a 1/2 hour massage. Call (601) 679-2379 today to schedule your appointment!

Group Exercise Schedule

Monday	Self Defense with Dawg @ 6pm
Belly Dancing Class @ 11:30am	
Self Defense with Dawg @ 6pm	
Tuesday	Yoga with Shannara @ 11:15am
Yoga with Shannara @ 11:15am	
Wednesday	Belly Dancing Class @ 11:30am
Belly Dancing Class @ 11:30am	

*All group exercise classes are held in Bldg. 166 and are free.

Captain's Cup Golf Schedule

May 15

Alt. Shot- Front Nine
1540- VT-7 vs. Air Ops
1530- MATSS-1 vs. Fidelity

May 22

4 Ball- Back Nine
1540- Public Works vs. Fidelity
1530- Vt-7 vs. MATSS-1

It's Your Turn...

This week we asked students, “What are you looking forward to doing this summer?”

By MC2 Casey Kyhl



Pfc. Julia Werner
MATSS-1 Student
“I’m really looking forward to going to the beach and after graduation, going to Japan.”



Pvt. Christopher Shrimplin
MATSS-1 Student
“I want to fish and play sports this summer. I would go hunting if I could.”



Pfc. Khalif Thomas
MATSS-1 Student
“Training, training and more training in mixed martial arts.”



Pvt. Michael Mitchell
MATSS-1 Student
“This summer I want to go sky diving and work out with Pfc. Miller.”



Pfc. Adam Miller
MATSS-1 Student
“Working on my MCIs and developing my leadership skills.”

Fleet & Family Support Center

Interview tips for military spouses

Going on a job interview can be intimidating for anyone -- and as a military spouse, you may have to interview for a new job every time you move. Knowing what to expect at the interview, how to field the questions, and how to follow up will help you land the right job at your next duty station.

Before the interview

Planning for the interview is almost as important as the interview itself. With the right kind of preparation, you can go to the interview feeling secure and confident.

- Research the company. By researching the company, you'll learn about its history, corporate culture, sales trends, and management style. Most important, your research will help you come up with intelligent, solid questions to ask during the interview.

- Review your resume. Be prepared to expand on your resume -- particularly about your accomplishments. Remind yourself of some of the things that you may not have covered in your resume. Think back on your successes at your previous positions.

- Get your references together. If you have letters of reference from previous employers, bring copies in case the interviewer asks for them. Make a list of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for both your personal and professional references.

- Prepare your portfolio or work samples, if it's appropriate in your line of work. Make copies of work samples or any items that might be relevant to the position. Review your portfolio and be ready to discuss the items in it.

- Dress appropriately. First impressions can have a positive -- or negative -- effect on your interview.

These tips can help you dress for your interview:

- Women's hair should be short or pulled back in a professional manner. Men's hair should be neat and trimmed.

- Keep jewelry to a minimum -- no more than one ring per hand and, for women, simple earrings. Men should avoid earrings altogether.

- Keep perfume and cologne to a minimum.

- If you wear glasses, don't wear tinted lenses or outdated frames. Sunglasses are not appropriate on a job interview.

- Dress for women includes a dark business suit with a light blouse or, for a more casual interview, slacks or a skirt, and a blouse. Always wear hose with your skirt or dress -- even in summer. Wear simple makeup and have your nails neatly trimmed and, if you're wearing polish, keep it conservative.

- Avoid trendy or revealing clothing.
- Your shoes should match or be darker than your skirt or pants.

- Dress for men includes a suit, a light shirt, and matching tie. For a more casual interview, slacks, a collared shirt, and a sports jacket are appropriate.

During the interview

The interviewer is looking for a good match between a candidate's skill set and the company's needs. More importantly, the interviewer is looking for someone who can be a productive team member and is compatible with the work style of the company. Although the interview may be conducted in one of several ways, your goal is to effectively demonstrate that your abilities, as well as your work ethic, are a good fit for the company.

- Types of interviews. Your interview may be conducted in one of several ways. These are the most common types of interviews:

- One-on-one interviews are most frequently used by hiring managers. The conversational style lets the interviewer get to know the candidate and allows the candidate to get to know the company and the job. Although these interviews may be casual, be sure to keep your attitude and demeanor professional.

- Panel interviews are common in interviews for government jobs. They are more structured than one-on-one interviews -- and more intimidating. The panel (usually consisting of three or more interviewers) has a prearranged set of questions for each applicant. Try to remain relaxed, answer each question confidently, and make eye contact with the interviewers.

- Telephone interviews are sometimes conducted to screen potential applicants. Avoid using a cell phone for the interview and find a quiet place to take the call. Answer the questions directly and try not to become long-winded.

- Employment tests are sometimes conducted by companies to judge your ability to handle the job. Tests vary depending on the type of job and can include aptitude tests, skill tests (such as typing), and agility tests.

- Interview strategies. Your success largely depends on how you conduct yourself in the interview.

These tips can help you handle the interview effectively:

- Arrive early and dress appropriately.
- Be polite to everyone you meet, including the receptionist.

- Be positive about your past jobs and experience. Never speak negatively about a former manager, supervisor, or co-worker.

- Turn off your cell phone.
- Be self-confident and smile.
- Take a minute to gather your thoughts before you answer a difficult question.

- Resist the urge to fill silences with irrelevant information.

- Listen carefully to the questions and make sure you understand what is being asked. Don't hesitate to ask for clarification if you don't understand.

- At the end of the interview, offer your thanks, restate your interest in the job, and ask when you can follow up.

Interview questions

You can't prepare for all the questions you'll be asked during the interview. But you can go to the interview feeling confident if you've taken the time to prepare for the most predictable questions.

- Interview questions. Many interviewers have a script that includes versions of the following questions.

It's important to think about these questions before the interview, but make sure your answers sound real and not over-prepared.

- Why did you leave your last job?
- What do you like about your current position?

What do you dislike?

- What professional mistakes have you made?
- What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses?

- How do you handle deadlines or job stress?
- What is your biggest accomplishment? What is your biggest failure?

- Where do you see yourself in five years (or one year, two years)?

- Why should I hire you?

- Tell me about yourself. This interview question is your chance to sell yourself. Focus on your professional accomplishments -- and don't go into detail about your personal life. Draw from your research on the company and talk about how your skills and character make you a good fit for the job and the company.

- Situational questions. Many interviewers ask questions that draw from your past experience, such as, "Tell me about a time when you accomplished something you didn't think you could," or "Describe a time when you didn't get along with a supervisor and what you did about it." You can also expect questions that will involve how you might handle a sticky situation, including, "What would you do if you found out a co-worker was doing something illegal at work?" These questions help the interviewer determine how you handle yourself in the workplace. Answer truthfully and avoid speaking negatively about past jobs or supervisors.

- How to answer. The interviewer is trying to find the candidate who best fits the job, with both technical ability and professional character. Your invitation to the interview probably indicates that you have the technical ability to do the job. You can convince the interviewer you've got the right abilities by illustrating them with your past experience. Think of times when you've gone the extra mile or when you've worked with a team for a successful outcome. You could also talk about your volunteer work if it's relevant to the interview.

- Keep it professional. During the interview, talk about work experience and leave out your personal life as much as possible. By keeping your personal life to yourself, you can focus on your professional accomplishments and their relevance to the job.

- What to ask. Your questions should help you determine if this job is a good fit for you. You'll want to understand the job responsibilities and the organization's corporate culture clearly. By researching the company before the interview, you'll have a list of questions about the company and the job. During the interview, you may come up with additional questions. Remember that carefully researched questions also have the advantage of letting the interviewer know you've done your homework.

- Salary questions. Your research should have given you a good idea of the salary range for similar jobs in your area. Try to avoid asking questions about salary before the interviewer brings it up -- or a job offer has been made. Don't commit yourself to a certain salary before you know all the details about the job. Benefits, such as tuition reimbursement, may have a bearing on your decision about the position.

After the interview

Following up after the interview is another important step in your job search. Even if you don't receive a job offer, the interview experience will be valuable as you continue searching for a job.

- Write a thank you note. A thank you note is an important part of the interview process, but many applicants overlook it. The thank you may be a typed business letter or a simple, handwritten note. In it, restate your interest in the position, thank the interviewer for his or her time, and provide any relevant information you may have forgotten to mention at the interview.

- Follow up. At the end of your interview, ask the interviewer when a decision will be made and if you may call to follow up. Be sure to make your follow-up call on or after the

FFSC Briefs

To register for any of the following workshops, please call (601) 679-2360. The class will not be presented if no one registers, so please make sure you sign up if you're interested. If you can't attend at the scheduled time, call anyway -- the workshop facilitator may be able to meet with you one-on-one, give you materials, or let you know when the class will be scheduled again. All active duty, reserve, retired military and their families are eligible for programs and services provided by the FFSC. Civil service employees can utilize the services on a space available basis.

Networking Your Way to Your Next Job: May 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. This interactive workshop will discuss the most effective methods for job searching in today's competitive environment, using both technology and more traditional in-person methods. It will also explain how to build and maintain relationships in your career network.

Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Seminar: May 21-25 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Military personnel who are voluntarily or involuntarily separating or retiring and are within 180 days of separating should attend this seminar, held at the FFSC. It is highly recommended that spouses attend. You may also attend if you're up to 18 months away from your separation or retirement date. The following topics will be covered: résumés, job search skills, job interviewing, employment (state and federal), veterans' benefits, pay and travel, movement of household goods, PSD/ID cards, TRICARE, emotional transition to separation, financial planning, forms and documents, benefits and services, Naval Reserve programs, military obligations, and more!

10 Steps to a Federal Job: May 22 from 4-6 p.m. The government is hiring! But if you want to be successful in landing a federal job, you need to understand the government's unique and complex application process. This workshop, based on the writings and training of federal job search guru, Kathryn Troutman, will walk you through the 10 steps to finding and applying for a federal job. We'll cover: finding and analyzing federal job announcements; crafting a federal-style résumé and an electronic résumé; interpreting the cryptic language of federal hiring process ("core competencies", etc.); the incredible importance of including "keywords" in your application; writing "KSAs"; and much more!

Stress Management: May 30 from 2-3 p.m. Everyone experiences stress in normal day-to-day life, and your reactions to stress can be difficult to control. Some stress can be helpful because it spurs you to meet life's challenges, but too much stress (or poor stress management skills) can affect your mental and physical health and damage your relationships. If you feel that you're just not handling stress well, come to this workshop to learn about your stress triggers and what you can do to manage your stress better.

day the interviewer suggested -- not earlier.

- If you get a job offer. Before you make the decision whether or not to accept the job, consider the work environment, location, growth potential, job security, salary, and benefits. Remember to talk with your family, too.
- If you don't get a job offer, don't get discouraged. There could be any number of reasons you didn't get the job -- including reasons not necessarily related to your performance at the interview. Look on the interview as a learning experience. Take the time to analyze what you did right -- and what you might have done wrong -- as you prepare for your next interview.

Resources

Military Spouse Job Search
www.militaryspousejobsearch.org
National Military Family Association
www.nmfa.org

Your installation's Family Employment Readiness Program

Depending on your service branch, your Fleet and Family Support Center, Marine Corps Community Services, Airman and Family Readiness Center, or Army Community Service Center can provide you with information on their Family Employment Readiness Program. Visit your service branch's Family Employment Readiness website at:

- **Army:** www.myarmyonesource.com
- **Marine Corps:** www.usmc-mccs.org
- **Navy:** www.cnic.navy.mil
- **Air Force:** www.afcommunity.af.mil

Your military support services

Each service branch sponsors information and support programs for service members and their families.

Military OneSource

This free 24-hour service is available to all active duty, Guard, and Reserve members. Call 1-800-342-9647 or go to www.militaryonesource.mil to learn more.

PCU Mississippi delivers one year early

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The U.S. Navy took delivery of PCU Mississippi (SSN 782) from General Dynamics Electric Boat (GDEB) May 2, essentially one year early to the submarine's contract delivery date of April 30, 2013.

PCU Mississippi took just more than 62 months to build, which set the record for the Virginia Class Submarine Program's fastest delivery.

"It should not be missed that with this one year early, under cost, delivery came the most complete, combat-ready Virginia-class submarine yet delivered. Mississippi received the highest marks to date from the Navy's independent assessor - the Board of Inspection and Survey. This program continues to set the standard for DoD acquisition," said Rear Adm. David Johnson, Program Executive Officer for Submarines. "As the demand

signal for these multi-mission platforms increases, we are working to intelligently drive down schedule and put the world's best submarines into the hands of the operators to execute missions of national importance."

Mississippi delivered almost three months faster than USS Missouri (SSN 780) - the last submarine delivered by GDEB. The submarine began construction in February 2007, and like all Virginia-class submarines, it is built under a unique teaming agreement between GDEB and

Huntington Ingalls Industries - Newport News Shipbuilding (HII-NNS) in Newport News, Va.

Prior to delivery, Mississippi conducted Alpha and Bravo Sea Trials before successfully completing the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Trials April 27.

"Mississippi's record setting delivery is a testament to the skill and successful partnership of the Navy/shipbuilding team," said Capt. Michael Jabaley, Virginia Class Program Manager. "Our shipbuilding

team continues to deliver outstanding platforms ahead of schedule and ready to contribute to our national security."

Mississippi will be commissioned June 2, in a ceremony in Pascagoula, Miss. The subsequent major Virginia-class milestone will be the PCU Minnesota (SSN 783) christening this fall.

Virginia-class submarines are designed to dominate the world's littoral and deep waters, while conducting anti-submarine; anti-surface ship; strike; special operation forces; intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; irregular warfare; and mine warfare missions. Their inherent stealth, endurance, firepower, and sensor suite directly enable them to support five of the six maritime strategy core capabilities - sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence.

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for Submarines

ASN sees 21st Century Sailor, Marine initiative in action

By Lt. Matt Allen

Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (NNS) -- Marines participating in the 2012 Warrior Games met with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Juan Garcia, May 2, who thanked them for their service and for inspiring other wounded, ill or injured service members, as well as the fans watching their athletic events.

"I want to echo the President's characterization of our Marines and Sailors as the new 'greatest generation,'" said Garcia to the Marine sitting volleyball team before their game against the British Armed Forces. "Your service and sacrifice over the longest period of sustained combat operations has ensured the safety of our nation and is deeply appreciated by every American. Seeing how each of you has taken on recovery and rehabilitation, I know that your best days are still ahead for

each of you."

Through the introduction of sports into the reconditioning process, the Warrior Games provides wounded, ill and injured service members with improved health, new friendships, and a renewed desire to compete. The goal of the games is not to identify the most skilled athletes, but rather to demonstrate the incredible potential of Wounded Warriors through competitive sports.

The games provide a venue to showcase the abilities of Wounded Warriors, as well as an opportunity for military and civic leaders to show their appreciation to the athletes.

"It's a must for the leadership to be here for the athletes, regardless if they are active, Reserve or retired veterans. These athletes want to know there is still support from the higher-ups, that they still support them and this program," explained Staff Sergeant Matthew Benack, a member of the Marines gold medal team in

archery.

Warrior Games have become an important part of the competitor's recovery process, one they hope will continue.

"Seeing the leadership out here, put us at ease because there is still a lot more injured servicemembers out there that can benefit from this program," said Benack. "This is something every wounded, ill or injured person needs to get involved in."

Department of the Navy leadership involvement in the reconditioning process extends beyond the Warrior Games. The 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative announced by the Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus earlier this year includes the "continuum of service" in the five core areas.

"Whether these athletes continue serving in uniform or some other capacity, the Department of the Navy is dedicated to providing lifetime assistance to Wounded Warriors," explained Garcia. "Through our 21st



Photo by MC2 David Danals

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. -- Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Sonny Lemerande, right, races down the court during the wheelchair basketball competition between the Special Operations and the Navy/Coast Guard at the 2012 Warrior Games. More than 200 wounded, ill or injured service members from the U.S. and British armed forces are scheduled to compete in the Paralympics-style competition, May 1-5.

Century programs, we are encouraging our seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Marines to pursue and achieve a rich and productive future - both on and off the playing field."

The 2012 Warrior Games are being held in

Colorado Springs, Colo., through May 5 and is hosting teams from the Marine Corps, Navy/Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, Special Operations Command and the British Armed Forces. Events include cycling, wheelchair basketball, sit-

ting volleyball, archery, shooting, track & field, and swimming.

For more information about the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, visit www.21stcentury.navy.mil.

SEALs, Sailors attend 2012 NFL Draft

By Lt. David Lloyd

Naval Special Warfare Group 2
Public Affairs

NEW YORK (NNS) -- Navy SEALs from multiple commands and Sailors from the Navy Recruiting Command attended the 77th annual National Football League Draft, April 26-28 at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City as part of a community outreach program.

The event, officially called the "NFL Player Selection Meeting", is sponsored by the NFL, who invited Special Operators to attend and announce the third round draft pick.

"This is a unique opportunity, and it gives credibility to the Naval Special Warfare community as a force made up of athletic members of the military," said Capt. (SEAL) Duncan Smith, director, Naval Special Warfare Recruiting Directorate. "It gives the coaches, athletes and fam-

ilies an opportunity to meet and talk to some of the active duty SEALs here tonight that would have never otherwise had the chance."

SEALs and Sailors from around the Fleet are attending NFL-sponsored events to inform and educate these athletes about potential career opportunities in Navy special programs such as SEALs, Diver, EOD, and others.

Master Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Shawn Johnson, a 23-year veteran who participated in several of the previous NFL scout combines this year, made the live announcement on national television.

"With the 85th pick in NFL 2012 draft, the Detroit Lions select Dwight Bentley, Corner Back, of Louisiana Lafayette," announced Johnson.

The 2012 NFL Draft pick announcement demonstrates the strong, ongoing partnership the Navy, particularly the

Naval Special Warfare community, has with professional organizations such as the National Football League.

"It was an honor and great opportunity to have had the chance to make the draft pick announcement," said Johnson. "This is one of those rare, once-in-a-life-time moments. All of these athletes possess many of the same qualities necessary to be successful as a Navy SEAL. They're obviously physically fit, but they're also mentally tough and self-disciplined."

The eight SEALs and Sailors from the Navy Recruiting Command marched on stage to an enthusiastic, standing ovation from the fans and guests in attendance at the Radio City Music Hall.

Members of the NFL organization were equally appreciative and offered the Sailors a personal tour of the NFL Headquarters during the three-day NFL Draft



Photo by Lt. David C. Lloyd

NEW YORK -- Master Chief Special Warfare Operator Shawn Johnson (SEAL) announces the third round draft pick of the 2012 NFL Draft in New York. Sailors from Navy Recruiting Command and the Naval Special Warfare Command were invited to participate in the NFL draft at Radio City Music Hall.

Pick.

"Having two sons currently attending the U.S. Naval Academy, I'm obviously a little biased, but

this is very special for the NFL too, and were fortunate and excited to be able to have such professional and dedicated ath-

letes as the SEALs here tonight," said Ron Hill, vice president of Football Operations for the National Football League.

SECNAV visits USS New Orleans Sailors, Marines

By MC2 Dominique Pineiro

USS New Orleans Public Affairs

AQABA, Jordan (NNS) -- The secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) visited Sailors and Marines assigned to amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18), while the ship was in Aqaba, Jordan, for a port visit, April 26.

SECNAV Ray Mabus, was in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility as part of a regional tour to thank service members for their hard work and dedication of service.

While aboard New Orleans, Mabus observed a bilateral visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) training event involving U.S. Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and members of the Royal Jordanian Marine Forces.

Additionally, he held an all-hands call, emphasizing the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, then answering questions from the audience. He also highlighted the importance of sea basing.

"Sea basing is one of the most significant things we're doing in the new defense strategy that the president announced in January," said Mabus. "Sea basing is finding innovative, low-cost ways of doing things with other

nations and other navies."

Mabus said there is a tremendous demand for amphibious ships, like New Orleans, due to its adaptability to a wide range of missions.

"This is a difficult environment you operate in," said Mabus. "We're the only global force, and we're going to remain the most pre-eminent expeditionary fighting force the world has ever known."

Mabus also presented three Sailors and three Marines with Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals during the all-hands call.

Engineman 2nd Class Jacob McDonald, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Christopher Melo, Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Jacob Patrick, Sgt. Jason Noel, Sgt. Edgar Perez and Cpl. Timur Oljuskun were awarded medals for their outstanding efforts while on deployment.

Patrick said meeting the SECNAV helped him realize the importance of being a Sailor.

"Just to see him and meet him helps put things in perspective for me," said Patrick. "Hearing his vision of where the Navy is going motivates me. It makes me proud to be in the military."

After giving the awards, Mabus handed each awardee a SECNAV coin.



Photo by MC2 Dominique Pineriro

AQABA, Jordan -- Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus addresses Sailors and Marines during an all-hands call aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS New Orleans (LPD 18). New Orleans and embarked Marines assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit are deployed as part of the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group, supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

"We have the best force we've ever had," said Mabus. "Part of my job is to ensure that Sailors and Marines have the tools they need to have a great career, whether it's four years or 40."

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